

Treasury Department,

BUREAU OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., January 13, 1881.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 11th instant relative to the completion of the statements of deposits and purchases.

At the time I requested these statements to be made out in standard ounces, I was not aware that it would entail any considerable additional work upon your clerks, but I found it impossible to obtain accurate statistics of the amount of silver deposits and purchases from your statements, rendering the value only, as the entries were made at the purchasing rate which is variable.

If however, it will facilitate matters to report in fine ounces you can do so if you prefer, and the conversion can be made into standard here, on entering upon the books of this Office, the reports from all the other Mints and Assay Offices being in standard ounces.

It appears to me that a blank form as indicated by the enclosed draft would materially assist in the preparation of your statements, the Weigh Clerk could obtain from the calculation clerk at the close of each day a memorandum of the fine or standard ounces, as the case may be, for each deposit of domestic production, enter it under the appropriate

heading and at the close of the month the footing of each column would give the proper data for your Statements.

I merely suggest this for your consideration and if you so desire will have a supply printed in this or any other form which your Weigh Clerk may prefer and as you may indicate.

Very respectfully
 Horatio B. Burchard
 Director.

Hon. A. Loudon Snowden,
 Supr. Mint U.S.
 Philadelphia.

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Jan 13/81

H. C. Burckhard

Silver purchase &
deposits may be re-
ported in five units
& more convenient.

Suggest method
of reporting, & en-
-dors form.

Recd Jan 14th 1881.

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